

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 935**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Frazier  
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Bonilla)**

February 22, 2013

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An act to amend Section 66540.12 of the Government Code, relating to the San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 935, as introduced, Frazier. San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority: terms of board members.

Existing law establishes the San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA) with specified powers and duties, including, but not limited to, the authority to coordinate the emergency activities of all water transportation and related facilities within the bay area region, as defined.

Existing law provides for a board of directors, 3 members of which are appointed by the Governor and one each by the Senate Committee on Rules and the Speaker of the Assembly. Directors serve 6-year terms.

This bill would expand the number of members appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules and the Speaker of the Assembly to 2 members each. The bill would require that the initial terms of the additional members appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules and the Speaker of the Assembly pursuant to its provisions shall be 2 years and 6 years, respectively. The bill would also require that one of the members appointed by the Governor be selected from a list of 3 nominees provided by the Contra Costa Transportation Authority and

one from a list of 3 nominees provided by the San Mateo County Transportation Authority.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 66540.12 of the Government Code is  
2 amended to read:  
3 66540.12. (a) The authority shall be governed by a board  
4 composed of ~~five~~ *seven* members, as follows:  
5 (1) Three members shall be appointed by the Governor, subject  
6 to confirmation by the Senate. The Governor shall make the initial  
7 appointment of these members of the board no later than January  
8 11, 2008.  
9 (A) *One member appointed by the Governor shall be a resident*  
10 *of the County of Contra Costa and shall be selected from a list of*  
11 *three nominees provided by the Contra Costa Transportation*  
12 *Authority.*  
13 (B) *One member appointed by the Governor shall be a resident*  
14 *of the County of San Mateo and shall be selected from a list of*  
15 *three nominees provided by the San Mateo County Transportation*  
16 *Authority.*  
17 (2) ~~One member~~ *Two members* shall be appointed by the Senate  
18 Committee on Rules.  
19 (3) ~~One member~~ *Two members* shall be appointed by the Speaker  
20 of the Assembly.  
21 (b) Each member of the board shall be a resident of a county in  
22 the bay area region.  
23 (c) Public officers associated with an area of government,  
24 including planning or water, whether elected or appointed, may  
25 be appointed to serve contemporaneously as members of the board.  
26 A public agency shall not have more than one representative on  
27 the board of the authority.  
28 (d) The Governor shall designate one member as the chairperson  
29 of the board and one member as the vice chairperson of the board.  
30 (e) Except as provided in ~~subdivision (f)~~ *subdivisions (f) and*  
31 *(g)*, the term of a member of the board shall be six years.  
32 (f) (1) The appointments next following the expiration of the  
33 terms of the initial appointments shall be for the following terms:

1 (A) Two of the members appointed by the Governor shall serve  
2 terms of two years and one shall serve a term of six years.

3 (B) The member appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules  
4 shall serve a term of four years.

5 (C) The member appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly  
6 shall serve a term of four years.

7 (2) Each member appointed after the expiration of the terms set  
8 forth in subparagraphs (A) to (C), inclusive, of paragraph (1) shall  
9 serve a term of six years.

10 (g) *The initial terms for additional appointees of the Senate*  
11 *Committee on Rules and the Speaker of the Assembly added to the*  
12 *authority pursuant to the act that added this subdivision shall be*  
13 *the following:*

14 (1) *The additional member appointed by the Senate Committee*  
15 *on Rules shall serve a term of two years.*

16 (2) *The additional member appointed by the Speaker of the*  
17 *Assembly shall serve a term of six years.*

18 ~~(g)~~

19 (h) Vacancies shall be filled immediately by the appointing  
20 power for the unexpired portion of the terms in which they occur.